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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20590

July 2, 2022

Re: Application of Norse Atlantic UK Limited Docket No. DOT-OST-2022-0072

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO ("AFA"), representing 50,000 Flight Attendants at 19 airlines, writes in strong support of the application filed by Norse Atlantic UK Limited ("Norse UK"). In doing so, AFA urges the Department to grant the airline an exemption and foreign air carrier permit allowing the airline to operate flights between the United Kingdom and the United States. True to its word, Norse Atlantic Airways AS, another entity owned by Norse Atlantic ASA, has followed through on its commitments, most notably including hiring dozens of laid off Flight Attendants, and has continued to demonstrate that management at this entity keeps their word and fulfills their commitments in providing good Flight Attendant jobs with competitive pay and strong job protections. Similarly, and as reflected by other letters of support filed by other labor unions, Norse UK has signaled its desire to meaningfully engage with organized labor and ensure that all of its workers are treated fairly with good wages, benefits, and working conditions.

The Department should approve the application because Norse Airways has demonstrated an intent to have a level playing field with its U.S.-based competitors while creating additional jobs for Americans with strong pay. Importantly, Norse UK will directly hire its employees, does not intend to apply for additional air operator certificates, is already in dialogue with labor unions,

and has signaled its intent to comply with applicable labor laws of the United Kingdom and the United States.

Just as AFA wrote in supporting the approved application of Norse Atlantic Airways AS, Norse UK's actions demonstrate the same commitment to ensure that there is no guessing game about the kind of protections workers will have at Norse UK. Accordingly, AFA urges the Department to approve the application for an exemption and foreign air carrier permit.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sara Nelson

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**International President** 

Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2022, I served a true and correct copy by electronic mail

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